The Day JFK Was Shot

Author Jim Bishop, who is gathering research for a book to be called "The Day President Kennedy Was Shot," stopped by the Bethesda Naval Hospital the other day for a look at the autopay room.

The visit unsettled junior officers who scurried around with his request. Bishop, who also wrote "The Day Lincoln Was Shot" and "The Day Christ Died," merely wanted to glance around the room so he could write a firsthand description.

The Naval aides, after taking up his request with Rear Adm. R. O. Canada, the hospital commander, came back with a turndown.

Bishop explained patiently that he sought no confidential information, that he would ask no questions, that he merely wanted to look at the room where the late President's body was brought.

"I only want to see the autopsy room. I don't want it done to me in there," he said.

"Our commanding officer says you can't see it," replied a lieutenant firmly.

"Is it under security?" asked Bishop. "Why is the Navy keeping the room secret"

The answer still negative.

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